

OCTOBER 4, 2020

BAPTIST CHURCH

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*From Pastor Perkins*

## READY, SET, GO



One reason some people never achieve their life's dream is that they think so long they fail to act. Premeditation is important, but action is more important. Proper preparation and action go hand in hand. Action without proper preparation can result in humiliating failure. Preparation without action will never amount to anything. There's an old expression that says, "Look before you leap." But some people look so long they never leap at all.

A few people have been fortunate enough to have every "i" dotted and every "t" crossed before they launched their project, but these are the exceptions rather than the rule. Most people have found that after doing all the planning and prayerful preparation they can, the best experience is on the job training. In other words, the more we try something, the better we get at it.

Some people fail to try because they always second-guess themselves. They're never quite sure they have it right. You can never be 100% absolutely sure. The most important thing is to get started. You must never be afraid of failure because failure is just another teacher from whom we can learn much if we're humble enough. The most important thing is to get started.

God had to teach this lesson to the children of Israel as they processed towards the Promised Land. They came to the Red Sea and hesitated. The pursuing Egyptians were behind them, there were mountains on either side of them, and the sea was before them. It appeared that their dream of being a proud self-reliant people had come to an end. They prayed to God and asked what they should do. God's response to Moses was: "Speak to the children of Israel and tell them to go forward" (Exodus 14:15).

And no matter what our plans; our obstacles; frustrations and so forth, God says to us, "Go forward!" Forward is the direction for the child of God. Standing still is not an option. Going backwards is not an option. Forward is the only way to go! Don't hesitate. As the old saying goes, "He who hesitates loses."

Set your sight on your goal. Ready, set, go!

Be blessed.

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# NEWS AND NOTES

## OCTOBER 4, 2020

### Worship Services

We continue to stream our worship service each Sunday morning at 10 am on Facebook Live. If you do not have the Facebook app, simply go to the church's website: [greaterchristchurch.org](http://greaterchristchurch.org) and press the Facebook LIVE button and you will automatically be connected to the worship service.

Share this information with all your friends so they can share with us. Streaming our service gives us an opportunity to reach many more people with the Word of God.

You are also urged to join us for Bible Study each Wednesday evening at 7 pm via Facebook Live.

### Dial in to Sunday Worship

The online worship service is now available to people who can not get on using Facebook Live. You can listen to the service by dialing in using the credentials below.

Dial: 415-762-9988

Meeting ID: 523 363 3657

Password: 036620

Church  
OFFICE  
HOURS

**MONDAY**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**

**TUESDAY - THURSDAY**  
**10 AM - 3 PM**

**CLOSED FRIDAY**



WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

**24/7 PRAYER**

**313.924.9599**

## GIVING

During this crisis time, please do not fail to continue to pay God His tithes and give your offerings. The church has to be sustained. God has left the church in our hands.

### YOU CAN GIVE BY:

- going to our website; [www.greaterchristchurch.org](http://www.greaterchristchurch.org) and give through PayPal (select Online Giving)
- giving through the Givelify App
- mailing your contribution to the church
- calling the church office and requesting that a deacon picks it up
- bringing your offerings to the church office

**GOD WILL NOT FAIL US!**  
**LET US NOT FAIL GOD!**

### Sunday Study Hour

Many Faces of Wisdom-Studies in Proverbs, The Gospels, & James

**9 am - 10 am**

w/ Rev. LeRoy Heard - Zoom ID: 207 009 4492 Password: 8vR6ED

w/ Sharon Smith - Dial: 866-226-3606 Code: 5243725#

w/ Deacon Jeanette Smith - Dial: 605-465-4858 Code: 89661#

**12:30 pm - 1:30 pm**

w/ Penny Covington & Gytina Roy - Dial: 347-514-7130 ID: 2670265

### Wednesday Noon Study Hour

Currently studying: II Kings Chapter 3

**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

w/ Rev. Dr. Cynthia Miller - Dial: 774-220-4000 ID: 721 9004

*Church Anniversary*

Sunday  
November 22, 2020

*Thanking God for 64 years*

Each member is asked to give sacrificially in recognition of God's goodness to us as a church family.